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01

Transposition II - Make

'Transposition II' weaves together approaches from psychoanalysis, art (psycho)therapy, and the fine arts as I assemble frames *through* which to experience a healthcare setting and myself therein, and redirect attention from the organisational site to the studio as site of *making*.

Moving between institutional and disciplinary sites, organisation and studio, inner and outer, I document and articulate my embodied experience of the research situation in a multi-layered artistic response *through* works such as Hung Out To Dry, Moments in Time, I'm Only Human, and the Twelve Weeks: Twelve Hours + Twelve Hours + project.





Not sure where to start

I stand in front of the materials

Wait for something to catch my gaze – my attention

For something to resonate inside

Paper doesn't feel right

Needs to be something textural, handleable, malleable

I have no idea what form you will take – not sure why I choose you, Modroc, as a material, but you draw my attention.

I cut you up in lengths and, dipping you in water, scrunch bits together. Gradually, you begin to reach out, curving around at the end. I feel you stiffen and, leaving you on the board, cut more pieces – stretching and pulling at the wet plaster as if to cover over the holes, to plaster over – smooth – the rough texture. Following an impulse I hang the other parts of you over the washing line that spans the room below the ceiling. Wondering what it is I am doing I try to connect the bits of you together, but there is only FRUSTRATION as nothing fits together in a way that makes sense.

You seem most comfortable hanging over the washing line, but there is too much visual distraction. I pick up the part of you that remains on the board – cold and hard in places, but still warm in others, as if alive to my touch. I feel an urgency to hang you somewhere I can see you more clearly so, following another impulse I carry you to the adjacent room that shares a boundary wall with the art (psycho)therapy room – a studio space I have begun to prepare for my research.







Stringing a line between two nails already in the wall, I move between the spaces slowly transferring your pieces and carefully hanging them in this new situation.

you look a little ghostly hanging there, as if you are the remnants of something

A further impulse to shine more light on you. I grab the lamp that lies on the floor. It throws your form and texture into sharper relief, but I can't move around freely when holding the lamp so, dragging over the easel that is in the corner, I balance it precariously on the easel's shoulder. It is only then, as I stand back, that I see you in a new light, both as an assemblage – part of a larger construction in which I am implicated as maker – and a performance which embodies the transfer, or transposition, of my practice from one disciplinary space to another.

I wake in the darkness of the early hours with an impression in mind of the bare lightbulb that hangs suspended from the ceiling — hidden from view in other photographs.

The rigid frame of easel dominates the foreground. The scene changes to one of interrogation where I am the unseen interrogator and you — the subject of my examination — are hung up and powerless under the spotlight I have put there.



HUNG OUT TO DRY, 2015

Easel, table, desk lamp, string, picture pins, Modroc, suspended lightbulb



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Snapshots of 'something' in the process of becoming – not in response to anything in particular but nonetheless related to the work I am about to do.



 $MOMENTS \ IN \ TIME, 2016$ cardboard carton, corrugated cardboard, Modroc, string, sheeps wool, tree bark, ginger coir, 18 \times 15 (variable)



These fragmented recollections and woven reflections respond to a ninety-minute preliminary scoping exercise in a stroke rehabilitation day centre, prior to commencing a twelve-week participant-observation, the aim being to get an initial *feel f*or the situation.

Confused by the feeling that 'nothing much seems to be happening' I *make* in an attempt to make some sense of it, recording my thoughts as I go. The title *I'm Only Human* is borrowed from the song track *Human* by Rag'n'Bone Man, and the lyrics 'don't put your blame on me' to which I find myself singing along.¹ Sometime later I weave a voice recording of thoughts expressed during the making process with a written reflection on it (see page 17).

A reading of the interwoven text can be heard at www.debbiemichaels.co.uk/only-human.php.

not a lot 'happening'

overwhelmed and anxious

boundaries pushed

the team know I'll be here

cold outside, but warm in here and at least we have the telly'

slippers and shoes

thank you letters

space more crowded than it used to be

a hug

I watch her struggle to get her arms out

'not supposed to talk to her'

torn between helping her and maintaining my position as observer

hard just sitting

flurry of conversation

'naughty box'

slow pace

patients don't move around

not a lot 'happening'

'are you on your own?' the patient asks

'I just didn't want you to be on sat on your own'

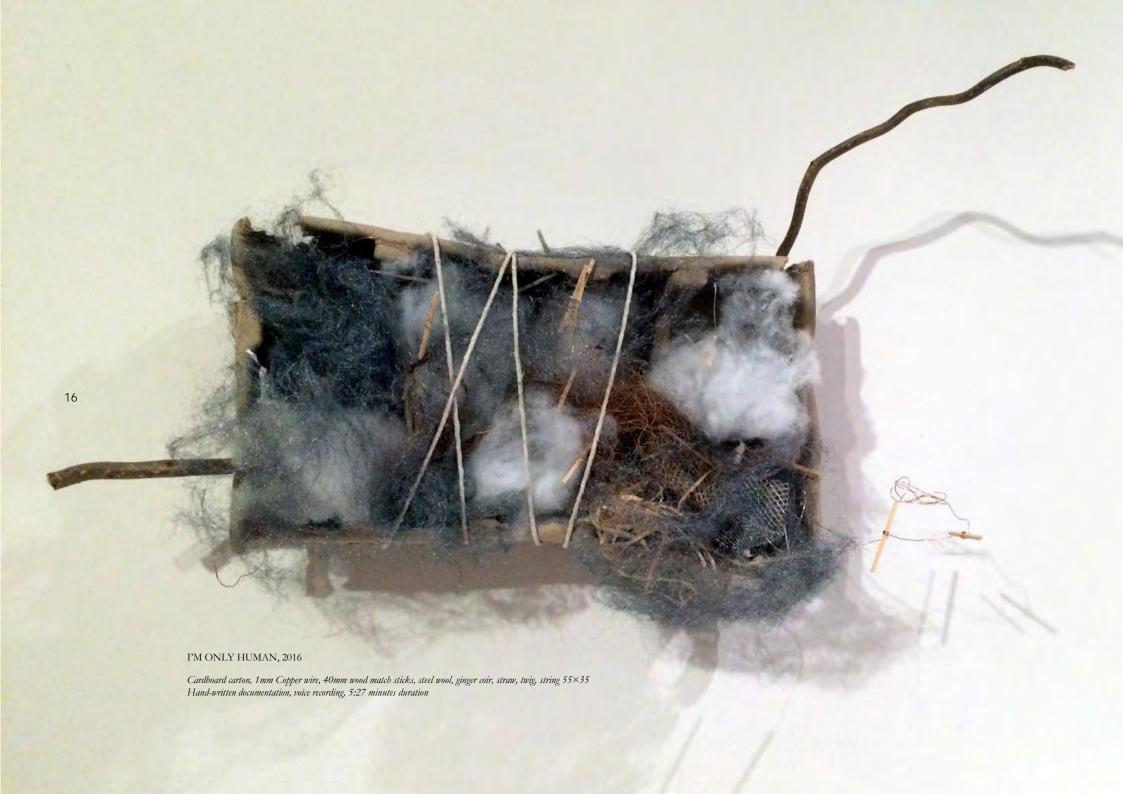
right leg flops into position and the knee bends in

arm hangs down 'withered' as if not much use

nothing much happening!

'I'd fall asleep if I sat there'

will the same people return each week?



Where to start I'm working with some thin copper wire the wire I really didn't know where to go when I started this all in a tangle at one end I manage to find the end I've got these matchstick-like sticks which are about an inch long an end actually they're longer 40mm long to start with on the table wrapping around small wooden sticks in front of me wrapping around one then another and I've been wrapping the wire and another stringing them together around fairly randomly these sticks as if they mark a point on a line and then I've got this filling from a cushion every so often I wind the wire around two or three sticks I'm aware of what a relief it feels together the white fluffy cotton wool-like material grabs my attention just to be doing something with my hands soft material used for stuffing cushions I really don't know what I'm doing material that came out was pulled out by me I don't know what relation this has to my visit to the organisation this morning now pushed onto one of the sticks is suspended on the wire Is it more about me a move that I repeat further along the wire because I'm feeling completely overwhelmed and again the wire wool very different in texture soft but harsher and I've got this mass of tangled wire

in front of me leaving remnants of my interaction with it and one strand that I've managed to free up an end all over the table a strand that I'm working on tiny fragments of its construction and make up and it keeps getting caught up and there's this tangle of stuff I cut a piece of the folded mass of wool which is which I keep loosening up with my hands held in place with a wrap of the wire there is this feeling of nothing a twist around the centre not with this piece but this morning pulling the material taught again what's happening suspended what's going on hanging is it going to take me anywhere at all along this thread of wire there wasn't a lot happening the end the other end of which is lost in a tangled mess I found

the television quite bizarre actually had this programme about self-harm I'm not sure whether anyone was watching it I continue along the wire it kept catching my attention more sticks are caught in its grip because I thought it was just a snippet a tiny piece of wood but then it turned out to be something much longer a scrunched-up collection of strawlike shreddings joined together I was wondering what it may have felt like for the people there connected by something I was just trying to fit something in I look to the scrim and it's fallen out and the wire mesh small pieces of which are entwined the scrim I'll stick with the sticks wrapped enclosed by the mesh I've pushed the sticks through trapped it's almost like cotton wool held tightly then also suspended by the thread of wire I'm just getting a bit of wire wool I seem to be wrapping things at the moment a twig is put to one side for possible use stringing things together then a box becomes a container

trying to string things together for the pieces that are tentatively held I really don't know if this is more about me in some kind of association to one another at the moment I feel like I don't know where I'm going in the box or what I'm doing the wool is pulled out more thinly pulling the this wire out reminds me of hair more natural fibre stuffing is added to the mix and I feel a bit paralysed I'm just going to cut a chunk off the remaining wire wool is pulled out I'm just pulling the threads out in the wire before scrunching it together and laid in pieces over the top bits of it fall out all over the table the cardboard container am I going to be able to untangle this having been broken at its four corners so its strength is compromised I feel like I know where I am with my clients and my supervisees I feel like I'm doing something worthwhile the twig is threaded underneath and the wire is cut I'm thinking why am I doing this the end left hanging I seem to be looking for things to attach to outside the boundaries of

the container just broke a bit there finally a left over remnant of string holding things is wrapped around the structure with a bit more like more pegs on a washing line I turn the container on its side keep going to hang on the wall all tangled wire wool the contents not thinking where I'm going with this the innards threaten to fall out I just have to believe somewhere in what I'm doing it's freed up but they don't some of the material on the wall a big knot the materials in the middle of the wire that overhang the edges cast shadows it's got stuck at the end but it can't stay there for long I've just got to carry on just carry on it will surely fall

... don't put your blame on me!

Twelve Weeks: Twelve Hours + Twelve Hours +

For this project I assemble frames from psychoanalysis, art (psycho)therapy, and the arts, *through* which to observe and document my experiences *in*, and *of*, a healthcare setting. Setting up a twelve-week participant observation in a stroke rehabilitation day centre, I document my embodied experiences *in* and *of* the research situation as I prepare for and perform the task – weaving together impressions, emotions, thoughts, ideas, and materials in a multi-layered artistic response.

The title of the project reflects the imposed constraints of one hour a week 'observing' in the healthcare setting + one hour a week 'making' in the studio, over a period of twelve weeks, at a regular time and in a regular place. The '+' at the end refers to the additional work of 'undergoing' as I work *through* the experience and its affects.

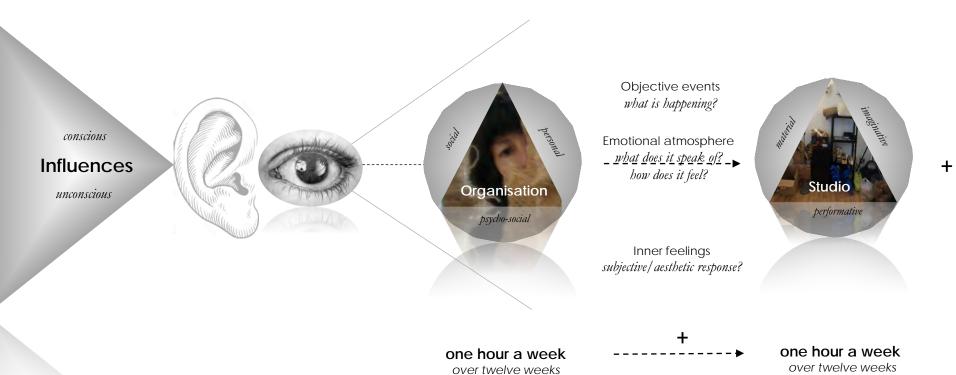
Based on a model of psychoanalytic observation, the participant-observer sets up a twelve-week observation in an organisation, during which time the observer visits the site for one hour, once a week, on the same day, at the same time, and observes themselves *and/in* the unfolding situation from the same seat each week.²

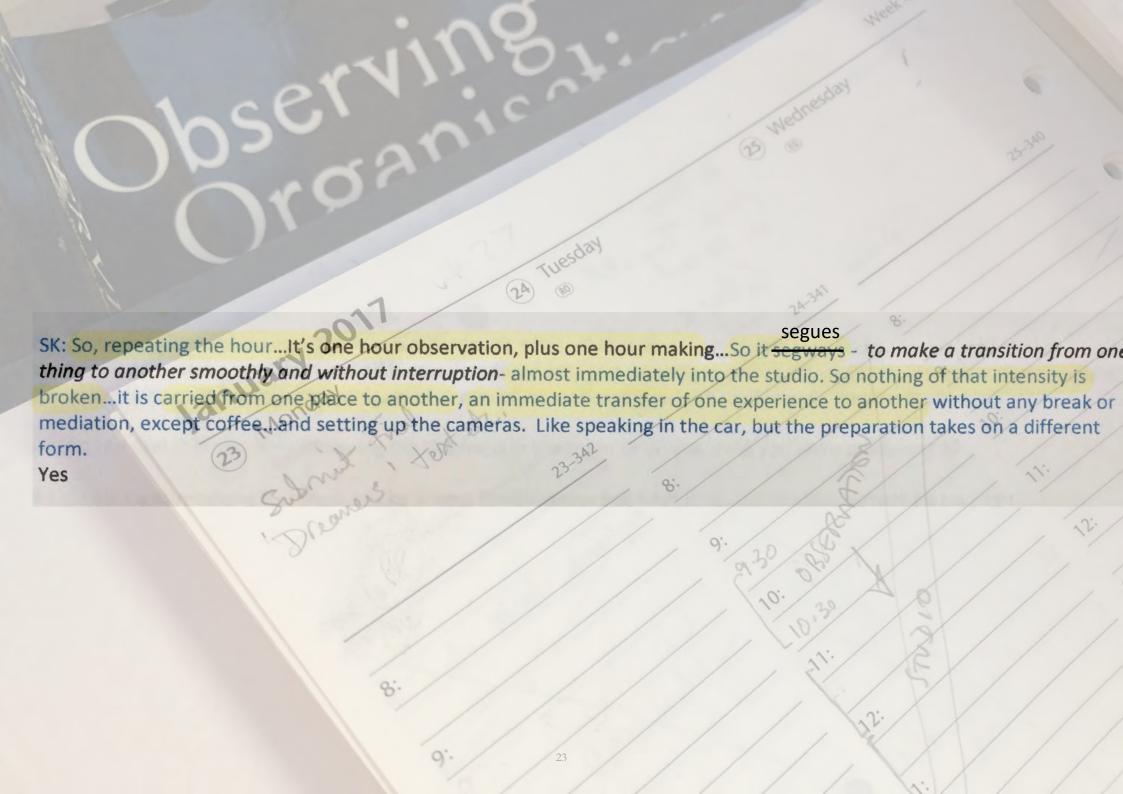
Expanding *on* and deviating *from* the method as I bend and reshape it, I repeat the hour observation adding one hour 'making' in a studio space (away from the organisation) after each observation hour, at the same time each week – an immediate transfer of one experience to another, without any break or mediation except coffee and setting up the camera and audio equipment to document the performance.

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8 & 9 Dec 16	Thinking about Method	Constraints Working with what material I bring into the room Restricting myself to only that Might bring in something from outside I want to work on, or just see what emerges (like therapy) Think about what materials I have in the room Where do I do it?in the art therapy room or the other space?more of a blank screen, but less familiarand no sink! Where do I put the boundaries/constraints around the space and myself? Look at what happens if there are points when I want to leave the space Just working with what comes into the space.
		Do I move between the spaces when working?

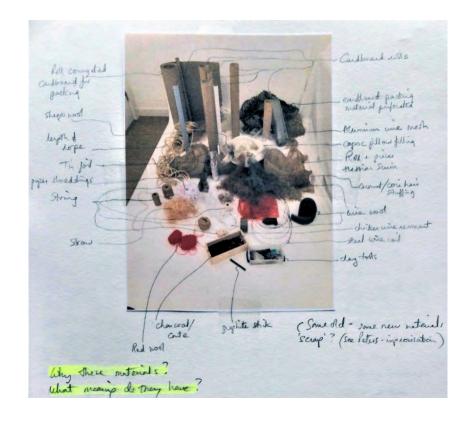




The studio (approximately $3.3m \times 2.6m$) is separate from, but connected to, my art (psycho)therapy room via a boundary wall.

In one corner, seen to the left, a video camera sits on a tripod with an audiorecorder mounted on the adjacent wall. To the right, another camera is set to take time-lapse photographs at five second intervals. Its wide-angle lens encompasses most, but not all, of the paper backdrop which extends out along the floor, protecting the integrity of the space, acting as a surface on which a drama may be enacted, and anticipating a desire to move the work – whatever that is – outside the studio at a later date. Adjacent to the paper, above the table, hangs a clock to mark the time.

Materials gather in boxes, bags, drawers, and on a set of shelves, above which hangs the residue from two early impressions, *Moments in Time*, and *I'm Only Human*.



Other than modelling materials such as clay, wire, and Modroc, and some drawing materials, much of the 'stuff' comprises left-over bits and pieces – scraps, oddments, and tools gathered from various places over time – 'things' that might come in handy such as: a desk lamp, hammer, set of pliers/wire cutters, Stanley knife and, finally, a white sheet



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In documenting the work of *making* from different positions, I am not concerned with obtaining an objective, accurate, or complete record of events. Rather, as part of a reflexive process, these records include personal thoughts, associations, and speculations, as well as aspects of subjective, experiential material *embedded* and *embodied* in process.

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11.12.16

The page, the paper, offers a space for mapping thoughts, holding, noting, linking, language

14.12.16

Different ways of documenting experience at ARC

Thinking early morning about using a heart monitor to record my heartbeat/rate while doing observation at ARC Methods of unobtrusively recording aspects of my experience

Pencil on paper recording movement whilst I sit? Similar to Jane Grisewood Ghost lines?

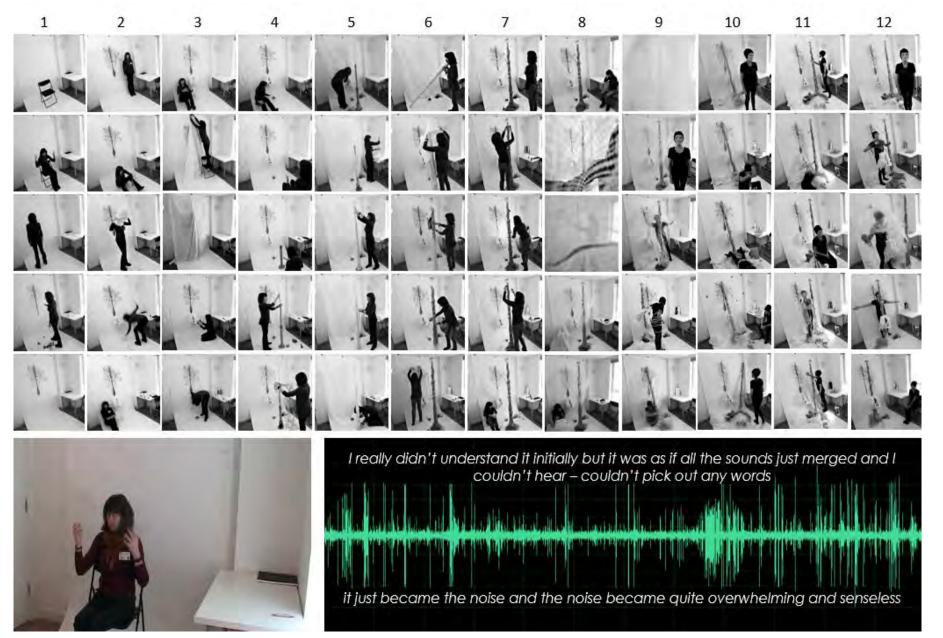
Also idea of heart monitor...recording changes in pulse/heartrate...aspects of my experience I am not aware of?

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Following the psychoanalytic model, I write up a record of each observation, putting down all that I recall and ordering it in the time sequence of the actual observation, so far as this is possible.

Before doing this, however, I transfer my experience immediately to the studio, recording what is enacted with time-lapse, video, and audio equipment.



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In addition to 'writing up a record' of each observation, I expand my Research Journal to include thoughts and associations *between* sessions, photographs of the residue left after each studio session, and annotations to these which, in turn, transform them into drawings.



From week two, I record my thoughts and feelings before each observation, a practice that becomes part of a regular routine.

It's a strange process this talking out loud — talking into a recorder — but somehow it seems a lot more authentic if that's the right word. Well, it is capturing what's more immediate [...] what's in my mind at this point — what's coming out of my mouth.

Pre-obs 2

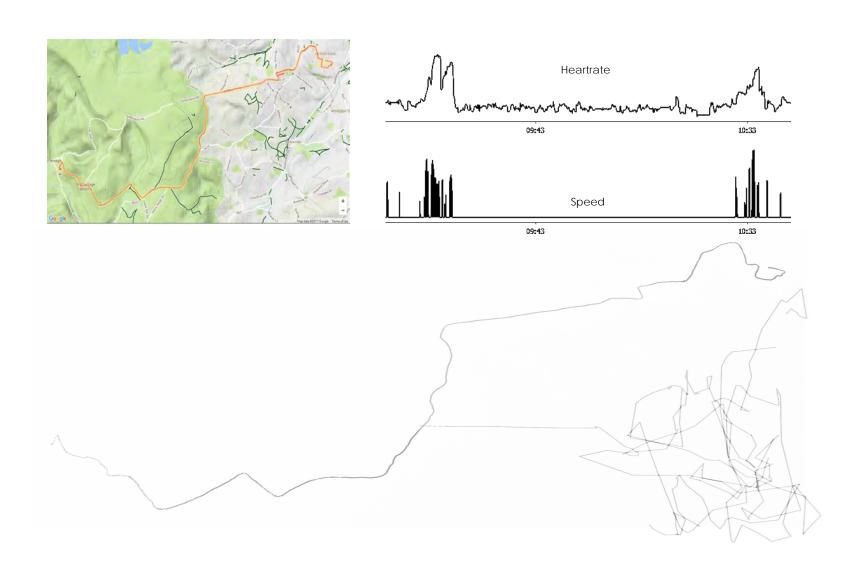
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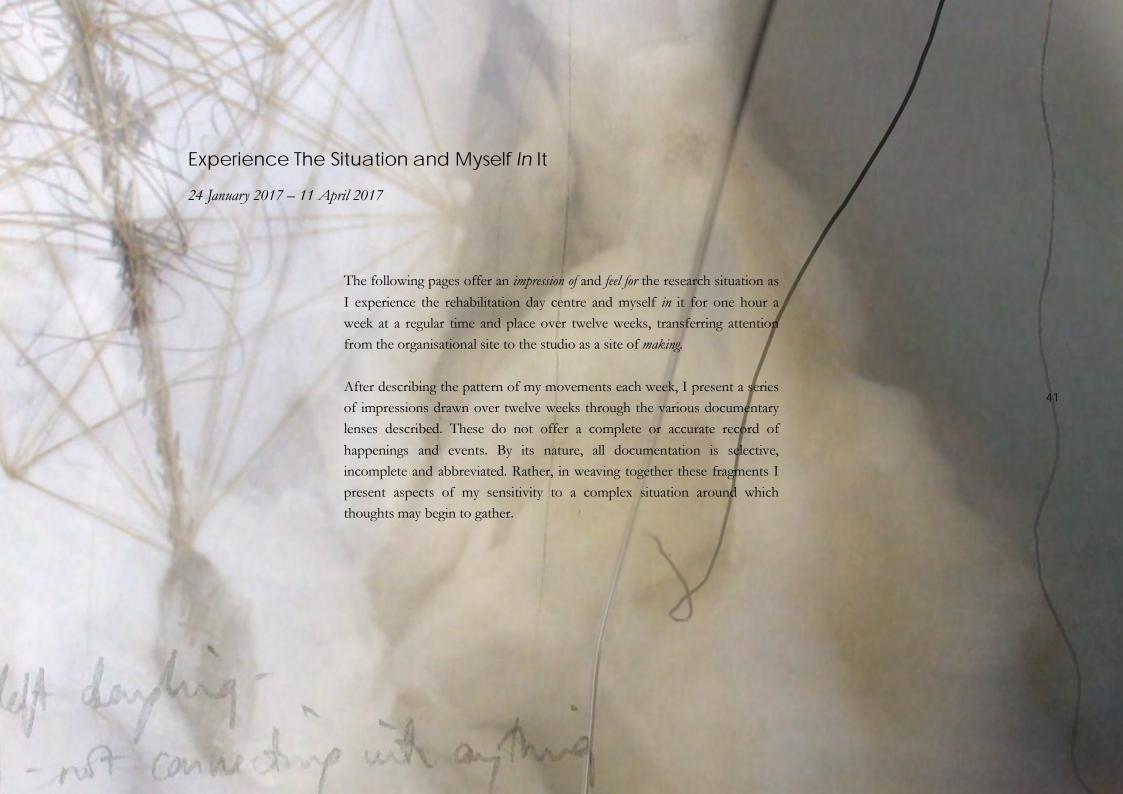
I'm sitting outside the building in my car this morning

Its currently...(laughs) I can't see the time...its 08.54 on Tuesday 31st January 2017...so I'm waiting to go in um to start my 2nd observation my second sitting...there is a different kind of anxiety today from last week which was the first sitting...it was really intense last week and in between times I've been doing a lot of thinking about it...it was a bit like a ...felt a bit like a client who that had got into my head...that had got into me...it was hard to put put down...and thinking about this (clear my throat) I've got 12 weeks well 11 more including today...I need to find a way to be able to leave it in between in between times otherwise it is just going to be a bit too much I think...the intensity...so I'll see how it goes today...I'm planning to do the obviously do the observation and go to the studio and make something um...it will be interesting to look at the the kind of wall drawing I guess um I have an image of wanting to have a of standing next to it next to it myself against the wall next to it... I think afterwards I'll so that will be for an hour and then I'll probably go and get some lunch and maybe sit and write it up ...what's happened during this past week of course is I've had lots of thoughts about it in between times I've tried to keep a note of some of them in my notebook um which seems to be a kind of holding space for images and photographs and notes, writings, but I think I need to limit how much I try and do in the interim week and do the series of observations and then um and then look at the material..its too much to do it...the intensity of it surprised me...I feel like I'm using that expression a lot...as I'm sitting here in the car I'm realising that um well I realised on my way in it kind of came to mind how my analyst actually lives in the same road its

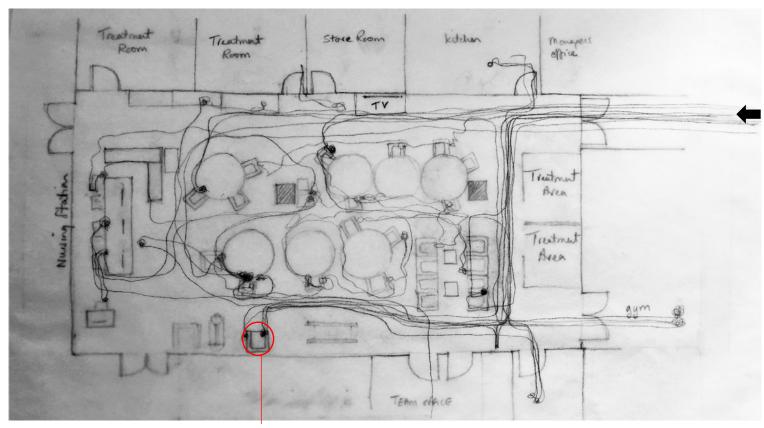
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Using Fitbit tracking technology I map and trace certain aspects of experience outside conscious awareness including heartrate, speed, and journeys travelled, downloading the data and reworking it.





Switching on my Fitbit tracker I leave home at approximately 08:40, driving the twenty minutes or so it takes to get to the rehabilitation day centre, and arriving shortly after nine o'clock. I park on a residential road close by and, waiting for the appointed time, record my thoughts on my i-phone - a weekly ritual that develops unplanned. I stop at about 09:20, leave the car, and walk down the concrete ramp and through the double set of automatic glass sliding doors that mark the threshold from outside to inside. Entering the reception lobby I sign the red visitors' book, then, turning to my right, walk down the corridor, past the toilets and various rooms, through a further set of double doors into an open communal space filled with circular tables at which patients gather. Turning to my left I walk past the screened treatment areas, soft seating, and gym, picking up a chair as I pass by. Turning to my right, I continue past the team office and a set of parallel bars placing the chair down against the long wall of floor to ceiling windows near the nursing station. Leaving my coat and bag by the chair I retrace my steps back up the corridor to visit the Ladies toilet before returning to settle at 09:30 - to sit for one hour experiencing the organisation and myself in it.



Observer position

Annotated layout Pencil on paper, overlaid with pencil on tracing paper



At 10:30 I pick up my coat and bag and, retracing my steps, return the chair to where I found it and walk back up the corridor. After signing out in the red visitors' book, I press the green button on the wall, exit through the double set of automatic glass sliding doors that mark the threshold from inside to outside, and walk up the concrete ramp to the car, driving immediately to the studio. Entering the building through a different set of glass door that marks the threshold from outside to inside, I cross a further threshold into a private interior space, locking the door behind me, and unlocking the studio space within – a space separate from, but adjacent to, my art (psycho)therapy room. After making a cup of coffee I check and set the cameras and other recording equipment. At 11.15 I close the studio door, switch on the time-lapse camera, video, and audio recorder, clap my hands to mark a starting point and, within the constraints of time and space, begin to work with the objects, materials, and things I have placed in the room for my use. At 12.15 I clap my hands to mark the end, switch off the recording devices and download the time-lapse to a video format which I transfer to a USB stick. With a different camera I take 'still' photographs of what remains on the paper backdrop and pack up the equipment.

through the set of glass doors that mark the the sure the door has closed securely behind me.



I

24 January 2017

Getting a feel for the place

nervous excited anticipation

watching the clock

University ID 4

different accents

presentation of something

'I hope you didn't hear?! I was explaining that you weren't doing anything - but got cut off

TV

'Homes Under the Hammer'

'hello trouble'

some voices stand out

the chair swallows her up

feet don't touch the floor

transfer to another

patients sit patiently

staff active and talkative

what is my role? 'cup of tea?'

to be (a) patient?

how pleasant it feels to just sit

to not be rushing

slow pace

dependency

uncomfortable

there one minute

gone the next

the chair - as if she isn't in it

from time to time a strand of knitting hangs down then jerks back up again to disappear

back feels uncomfortable

walking frame

off to the 'gym'

TV noise

difficult to shut out

nausea

Homes Under the Hammer

empty chair

pockets of sound merge into one nonsensical, meaningless noise

overwhelming

disorienting

nausea passes

sadness

painfully slow

she shuffles back one foot in front of the other

the noise in my head subsides

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I didn't know I was going to do this

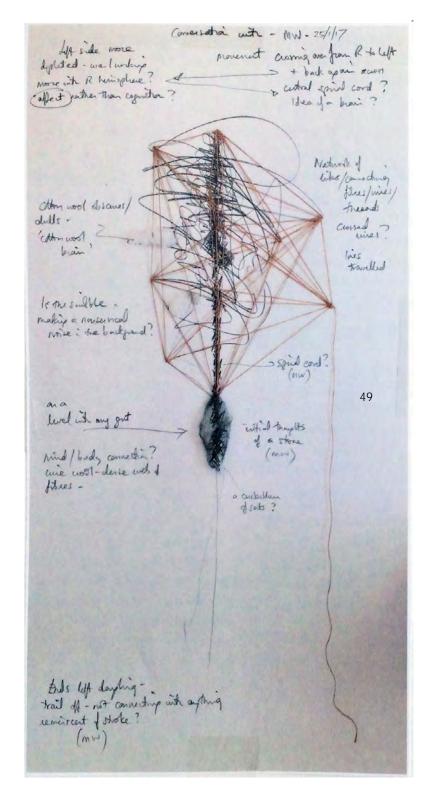
I wasn't expecting to be looking in this direction

I was expecting to be facing the other way





I hope the camera and recording equipment are capturing this because I can't repeat it

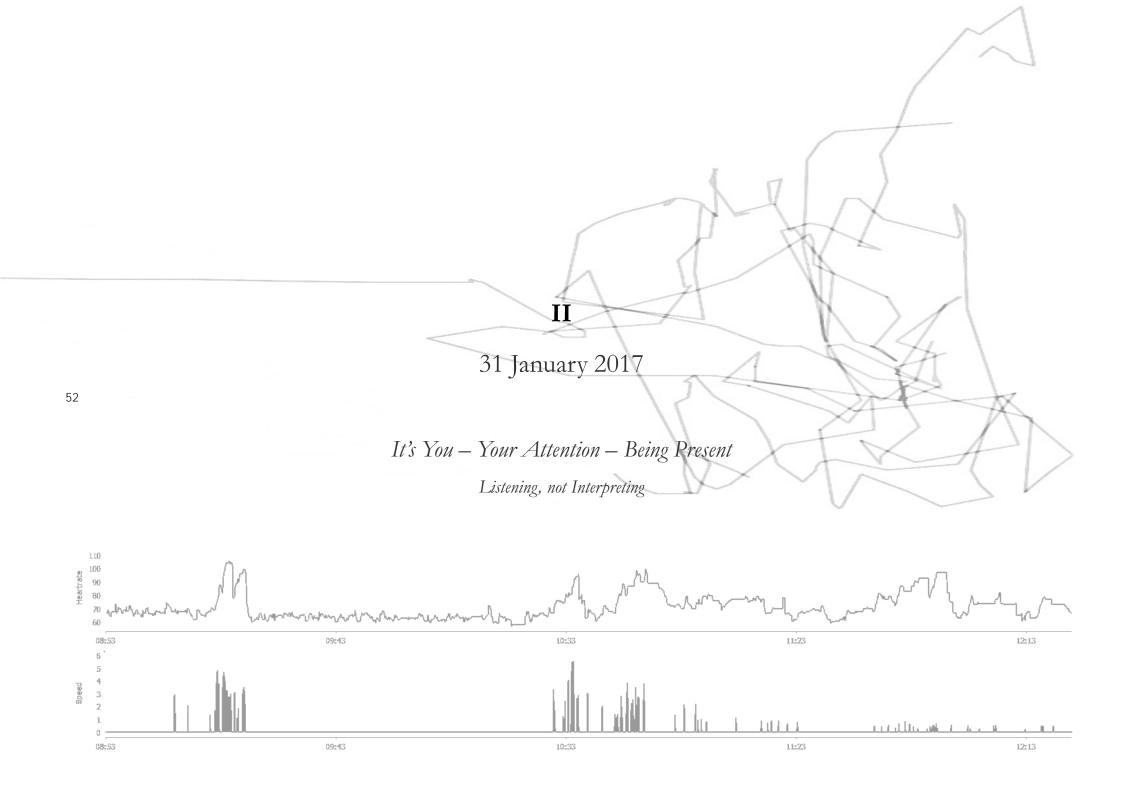




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the recording ends - suddenly cut off

left leg drags

jerky movement

feeling conspicuous

loud voices

broad accents

'hello' I respond in kind

difficulty with co-ordination

men and women are separate

in different areas

a part of me wants to sleep

TV volume

lower than last week

conversations behind a desk

holidays

a flurry of activity

the noise levels increase

parking

concerts

then quiet

as if people are tiptoeing so as not to make a noise

being quiet for a baby – hoping it will sleep?

tired

'you look tired...'

the nurse says

'I am'

or is it a desire to shut off?

he replies

'not sleeping well'

frustration

going backwards

'one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight...

the counting breaks up as she loses the rhythm of her steps

...one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight

...one, two, three...

...one, two, three, four, five...'

'they have time for you'

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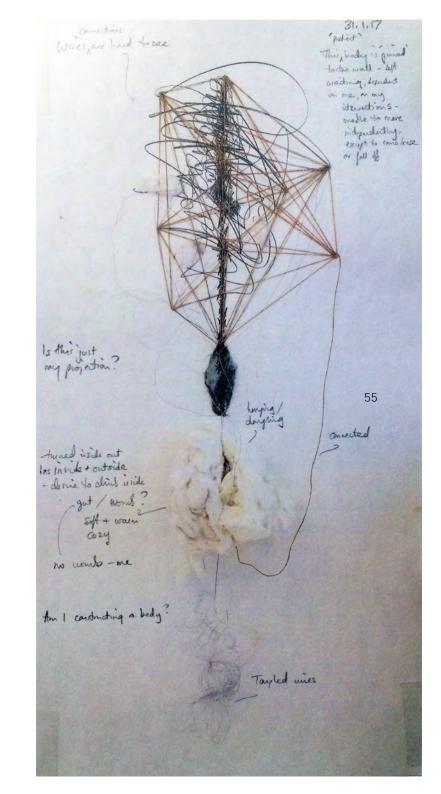


I want to make it more secure

to hold it there



I want to get inside this



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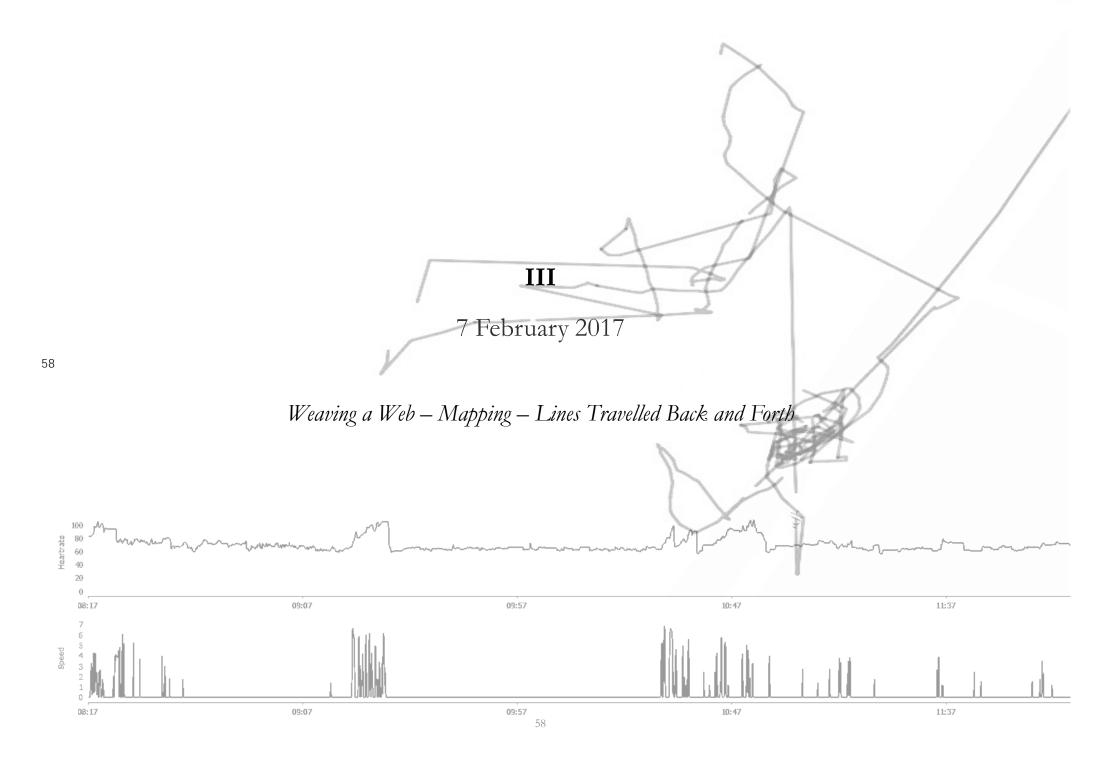
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Cassie off this morning, but I have switched it on now... But it just a ed of preparing for a performance a bit like I do when I prepare for like when I prepare to go on stage for a performance ...ലൂല ioi a performance slowing down gathering together gathering together getting into a particular frame of mind

a jolt!

things into a particular frame of mind things intrude

nervous

mounting pressure

disrupt Re am I going to erit's the same this how will I feel? hold the constraint preparing unfolding?

not as food as last week she said It some antiderce and had to been a different chair broached pre subject of larger over hearing and being overheard? my feet just touch the ground transfer from wheelchair the chair's too high! I shout silently as I watch her feet dangle, shoelace undone what is my role? a cushion? no! can't you see? a sharp exchange a compassionate transfer from one chair to another the shoelace redone off to gym movement less fluid after a fall 60 his right arm reaches over empty chair to help the paralysed left a camera photographs 'consent' '...are you causing trouble again? that one's trouble she is...' whispered conversations behind a long wooden desk cosmetic surgery before & after in a different world? house renovations makeovers 'you've been sitting there for a while are you leaving? Here - to get the feel of the place? I need some new bones and some new legs I hope something happens soon'











need to lie down I feel a bit sick something difficult to digest

> tightly strung pinned down other bits hang loose

the only way I can take this off the wall is for it to collapse

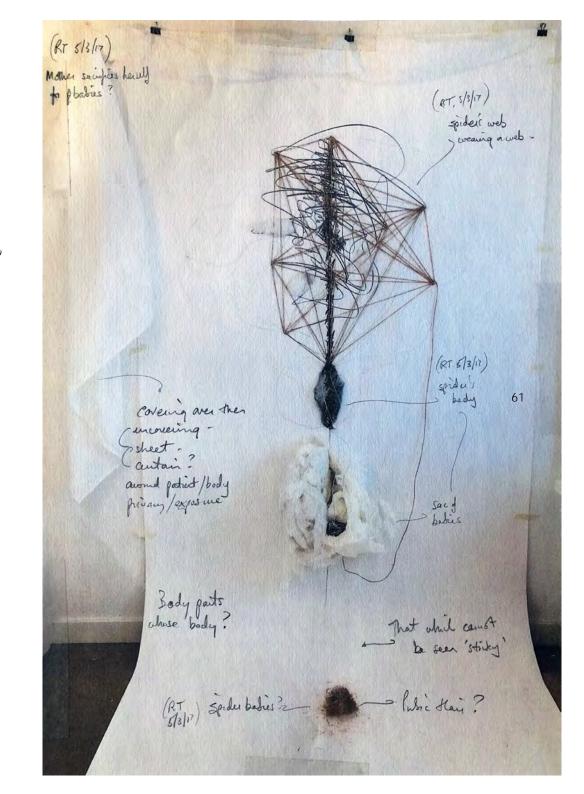
cover over feeling this underneath like a body worried it might fall right up against it

easy to get caught in the wires touching it on the inside

I've found an end – I've lost it ah! there it is

as if making it go to the toilet

is this body alive or dead?



DM I don't think I feel like a thing...I know I feel a bit in-between...I'm aware I'm not a member of staff, not a patient, and sometimes I can feel myself being pulled to want to be one or the other.

I am there in the role of 'observer' although my badge identifies me as some-thing, a 'student', and both, to some extent, feel like a protection.....a part of me hides behind them...in a way it feels a bit dishonest, a bit deceptive and that makes me feel uncomfortable. When I think about it from another position, I am there most definitely in my capacity as a human being, a feeling person, but for some reason I feel that I need to conceal that behind a badge, one that suggests to just be human is not enough...

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A Heavy Responsibility

at what point is it appropriate to make an interpretation

might spew it up!

a lot to hold

something about the speaking?

improvising with materials as a way of working something through?

disturbing

the 'body' pinned to the wall

unsettling

hanging suspended

as if I am keeping it prisoner

videoing

the object screams at me to set it free

photographing

take off the constraints

locked in

imprisoned

if I take it off the wall it will just collapse in a heap a pile of materials

make some kind of backbone?

a way of taking it out of the room, letting it act, being able to move around it

do I not want to get caught up? a similar feeling of disorientation a struggle to speak right arm hangs limp and helpless YES or NO repeating distress! my anxiety rises with her voice as she is told by the man accompanying her not to should 'too much support and the body doesn't do as much as it can and may collapse into the support' our names collide a moment later it hits me in the gut — as if I have been punched — this could be me! the space between us collapses 66 the emotion rises up inside to spill from my eyes I hope no one will notice I want to leave too much - too close! hand curled up hunched over distant and cut off isolated uncomfortable not having a role 'before & after' 'look, my legs are really thin!' laughter as the group gathers around the phone pain - continual - in the neck relieved when it ends











I remember — something got lost — a memory

calm, holding presence in a stable position

not just a bottom womb-like – warm

trying to construct something

almost as if I can't talk

to turn the other way would mean turning my back on the object

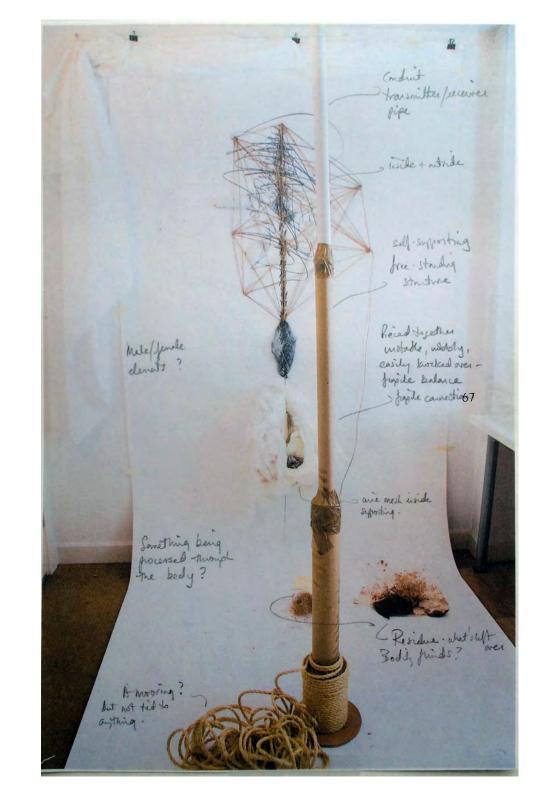
desire to escape

get on with the practical stuff don't want to be here

paralysed to do anything just sit

feel like I'm doing something in front of the object the analytic object

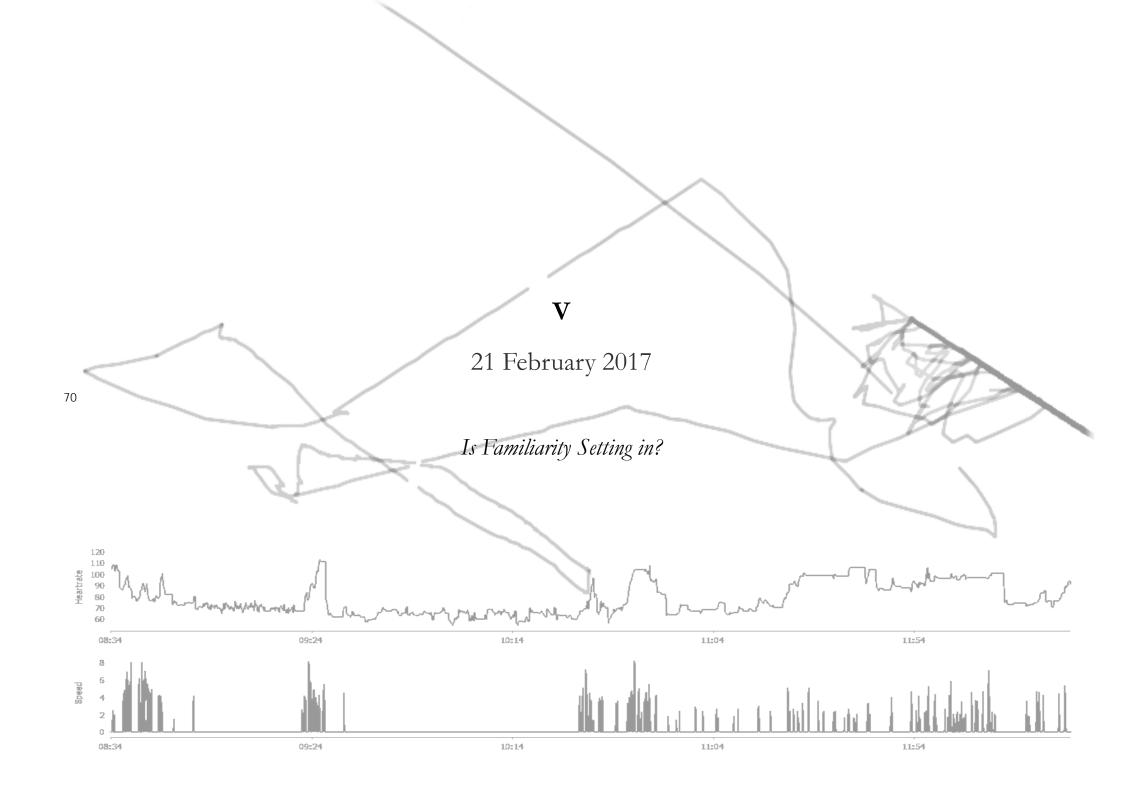
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that would it have ment for me to show my enotions? What is congalled or Is this a place where upset + distress has to be hielder? What is congalled or revealed?

No raised wices? any staff?



movement between inside and outside space

beadmit

something about the repetition of me... 9.01-9.02.

abulance coming up lice

n, I was a bits

repeating the same thing except it is not the same
bits get lost something being played out in front of me

like a theatrical performance where I'm both one of the performers

and in the audience witnessing something that is being played out

something very difficult

on the outside going to the inside

crossing a threshold

sack down established routine

weakness in her right side – a crutch nearby

'they're very patient'

I imagine the legs of the chair being constrained by the contraption placed upon it

as if they might try to break free any minute

I see the same people

ur ead

relationship

even if we never speak

we sit on similar chairs

her foot reaches for and finds the leg of the table to rest on

a magazine falls

I smile and nod

my body pulls forward in readiness to help, but wait

independence

a new neck collar

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'I can't hold my head up, the muscles aren't strong enough'

whispered conversations

self-conscious

paranoia

repeating

cough! my body prepares to intervene

she seems to want to engage in conversation

the biscuit tin falls

'tea?'

replacements follow

hip replacement

an old crutch

'oh that's hot!'

'are you OK? have you spilt it?'

'we can replace part of it if we don't have a new one'

'am I next?'

'maybe'











I want to strengthen this

like wringing out a dishcloth

transmission of heat

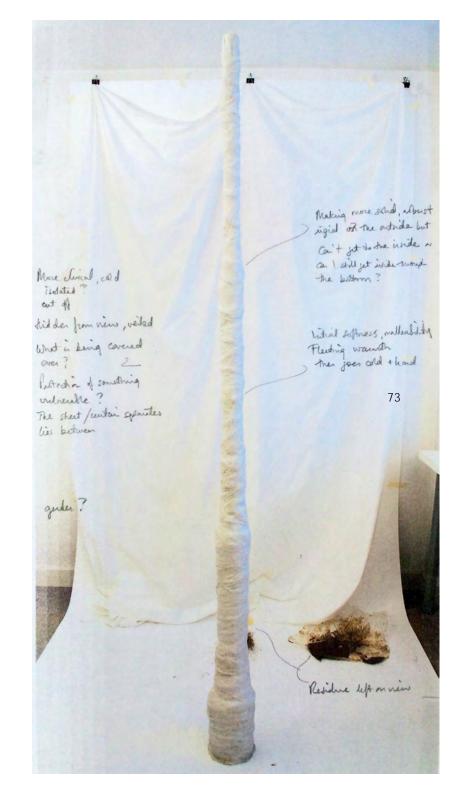
still moving



limbless joints – body parts

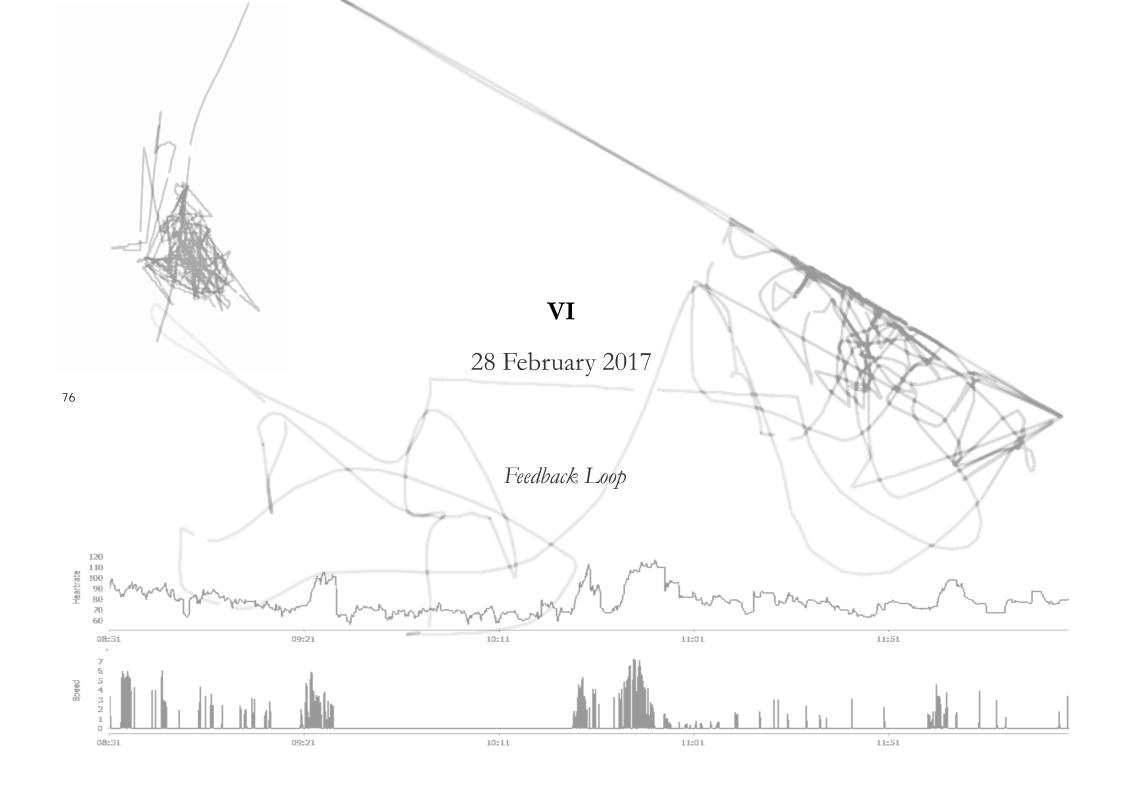
I feel something from it

I can still hear the inside which is weird!



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I arrive outside as usual at about 9.00 am and par when I arrive. Jon was away last night which always Lived alone. I worked late - later than I would hav when he stays away. So I was in a bit more of a sure I put the power plug for the USB in the morning - a layer of white on the moors extend again as the schools are back. I don't feel the be there. I record my thoughts as is my patt less prepared aware of an absence less prepared
aware of an absence

doom and anxiety has passed

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1-mar have the dead feeling inside relief
I no longer have the dead feeling inside I feel alive again

sinating? I say that I am half way there

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by that it's really interesting - a lot of ma

a bit more space

I move to create more distance between

'good morning'

leaflets distributed picked up by some

quiet

'which chair?'

`a higher one...

...I don't want to be a nuisance'

adjusts her position so feet just touch the floor

elderly, pale complexion – dressed in black

distant - cut off?

no tea or coffee

'water?' shakes her head

I feel concern for her

& to want

'shepherd's pie?'

attempts to make contact

'my feet don't touch the floor!'

no response

she shifts back and forth until her feet meet the floor

discomfort with the situation

absence of attention

capacity to notice

distress

'you don't expect it at such a young age'

near the TV perhaps she didn't understand?

TV is repetitive

: hard to follow – speech too fast

a visitor

her pale face lights up signs of life

sadness passes through briefly

he positions the walking frame

'I need a higher chair!'

confusing

I wait until the end to say something about the chair

who is a nuisance?

a while before her legs begin to take her slowly towards the gym

...one, two, three, four...'

superior observer?

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not as cold

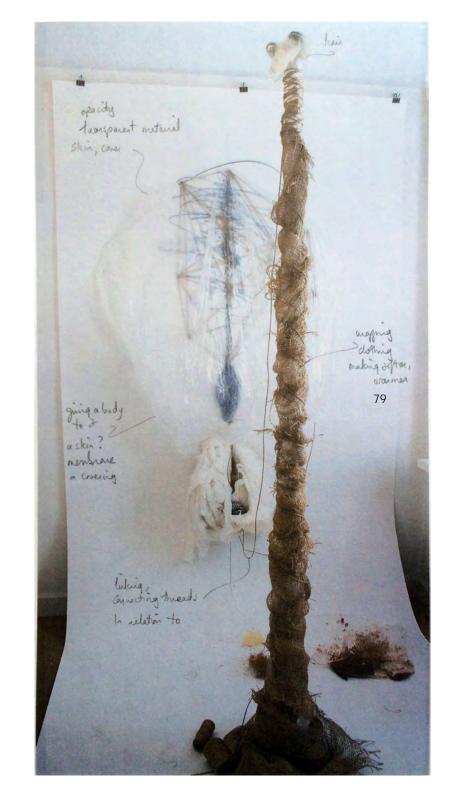
resonant

as if I'm singing to something

take the curtain down



am I dressing something?



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A Shift In The Atmosphere



The second of the feels a bit guilty because m been paying so much attention to it. (is that why 110

going off fo

some female spiders sacrifice themselves for their babies

eaten by them

object use?

he catches my eye

his words prompt the nurse to look

a self-conscious, embarrassed smile in return

warmth in the atmosphere

lively

jovial

discussion at the nursing station easy

moustes

a TV programme

warm patients and staff

'The Replacement' close

sharing memories and experiences

one, two, three, four...'

'big strides...'

quiet

he encourages as she shuffles forward

'Can I have some magazines?

...I don't want to be any trouble'

calm

a missing cup of tea

'only joking...just tormenting her!'

air of contentment and peace

cruel

'is it better to have a body that doesn't function properly or to lose your marbles?'

a shift in the atmosphere unsettling

distress?

'They don't want me!

...I don't want to stop coming'

sadness?

a vague sense that seems at odds

she cries

'it's the company...

...trouble with balance'

'I'll miss all of you, I know that'

noise from outside impinges

is this what I am picking up?

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changes in the space between last week and this

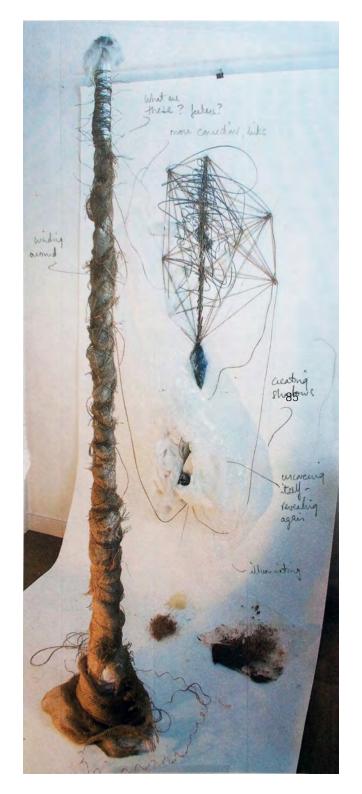
reveals itself again

undressing



spider's web

I want to keep wrapping



but she couldn't get out on her own now - trouble with balance - bones very weak. (This last section many have been earlier on as there was a quiet fewed there a shift i strasphere) - what sol renember is serving a shift between the quiet, calmiers to picking up a level of distress, something unselted. I wondered if it was i me but nothing outwardly had charged and I couldn't locate anything i suspell - it mered into a vopine serve of sachness that apair seemed at adds, but then

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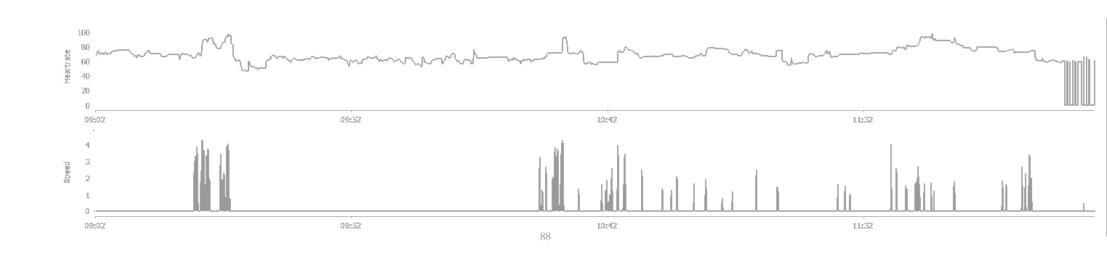


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I feel like a Spell has been Broken



a part of me has closed down

another recording lost – the unconscious at work?

what direction will I go in?

'good luck with her!'

I imagine a difficulty of some sort?

the ladies is 'out of order'

familiar self-consciousness

I walk the other way back

a man walks unsteadily

caught in his gaze

anticlockwis

speech slurred

a smile returned

the room fills

chatter

tea, coffee and biscuits

'salmon and broccoli bake or shepherd's pie?'

shadows

slippers and shoes items of sale

a conversation happens around the patient

with her outside it

mirror

I drift off

as if a conversation is happening around me but is one I don't understand relief when she is included in the conversation again

the room empties

quiet

my gaze turns to the chairs and machines

objects waiting to be sat in or used

screens take on facial characteristics shadows on the floor become reflections

I watch from across the room as the cheery young man gently clothes his left arm which is unable to help in the endeavour

silent

moved by the kindness and self-compassion

my anxiety rises

as the patient deviates from his usual path to approach

'What are you doing?

You come here each week and sit not doing anything except watching the telly!'

acknowledging the strangeness of the situation I explain

as I leave the room someone calls out

I turn and wave but it's not for me

embarrassment











self-conscious
thoughts of emptying everything out onto the floor

everything that isn't seen





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capacity - to much exposure!

as I'd put it in the box with this stuff ready to bring today, an mething else... interesting... I guess I got caught up in...som last week, before last week actually, but last week par cup. I had this image in my mind of wrapping myself dressing, undressing, unwrapping
wrapping, covering, uncovering

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a depersonalisation

distancing

bout If I was doing that?...And then this

as wearing, dressing all in black, like

dressing, undressing, unwrapping resisting an institutional pressure to conform wrapping, covering uncovering which institution? becoming faceless not sure what I'm responding to a depersonalisation is my attention distracted from the task? distancing work labour my gaze drifts to the objects for sale production shoes and slippers on a trolley ringing in the ears feeling ill sick earlier 'jam sandwich?' not really noticing what is going on too familiar? divide between men and women mind keeps wandering off back feels uncomfortable I want to fidget 96 'Oh, I could almost drop off' sleepy who is picking up what from who? noise TV is intrusive too loud an imposition! we all face in the same direction toward the TV some kind of mind control? is it the chair making my back uncomfortable? 'sickness? do you need the toilet?' picture cards to help understanding 'yes' or 'no'?

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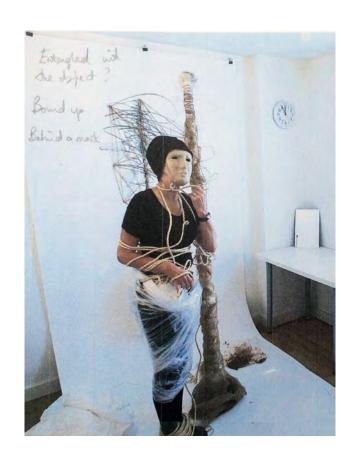


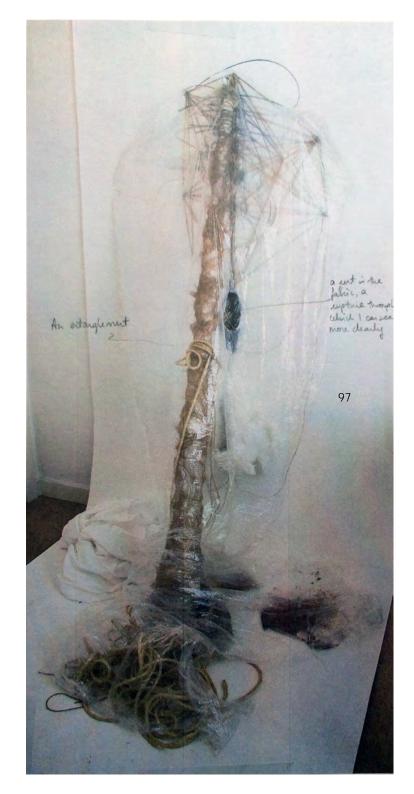












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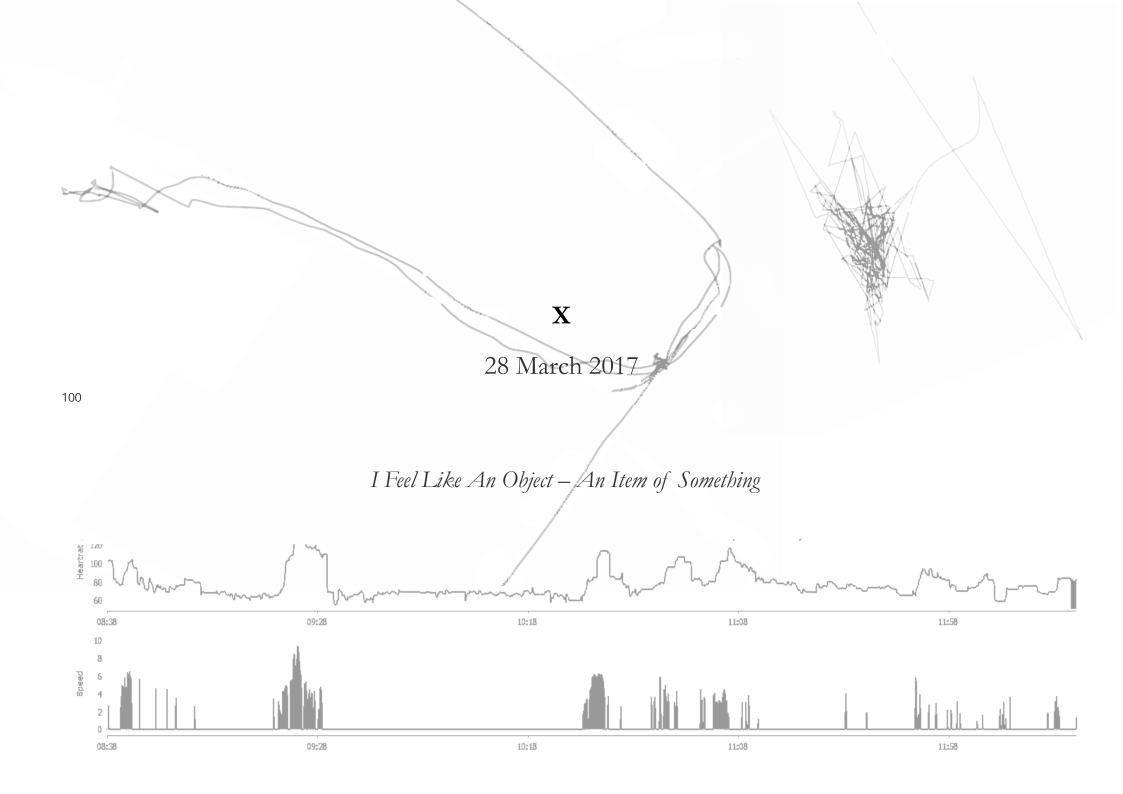
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reassembling

repositioning

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negoliation

a differ:

a different perspective week and talked about the idea of taking

established routine

quiet

exchanges of greeting

a switch of chairs

caught up in something?

'something to eat?

are you cold?'

a blanket for the shoulders

everyone disappears

only one remains

I feel at a distance today

items for sale

like an object

an item of something

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value

DANGER CAUTION

a nonsense to imagine installing the object

such a change of culture
and yet it had felt possible from a different position

'would you like to do some colouring?

...just do what you can'

I imagine the picture on the wall

a hand with a finger pointing, as if to touch a central hole

whispered conversation

briefly caught in each other's gaze

something sensitive

turn away

a part of me hopes for some human contact but there is none



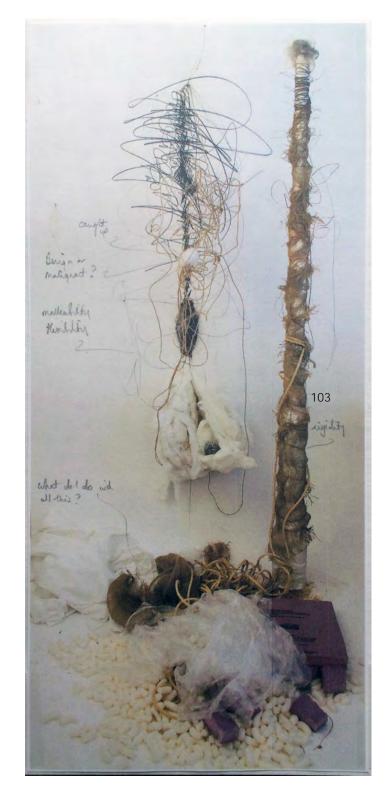






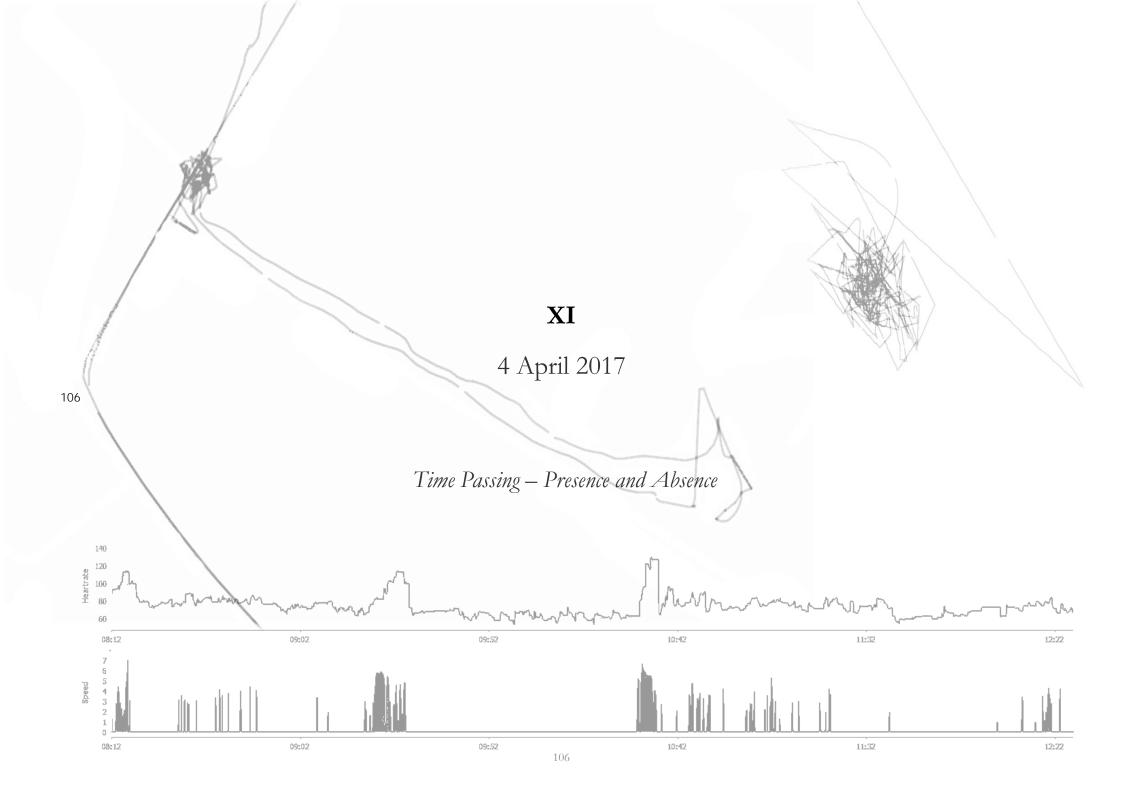






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wearing on my chest last week. It havigating n't lasted the w morning before I came out I was looking at some an underwater investigation

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ng...but you could hear my breathing and it r

hing...and some kind of feeling associated time

what we do with our time I carried on watching this morning a

at points where I had nauged and

'Why do you need to do that? You worked here for two years, you know what it's like!'

an anticipatory silence

'It's very quiet today'

'I can't hear!'

a rush of activity

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people arriving

arm in a sling

body slumped over to one side

self-conscious tidying

getting things in order

my leaflet is absorbed into the pile

'Leave them out!'

small changes I shout silently

visible or invisible?

bustling with activity

'I'm not a patient...

...it's my wife

...not here for me'

emptiness

empty spaces where people had been and were no longer

time passing

presence and absence











can you see me?





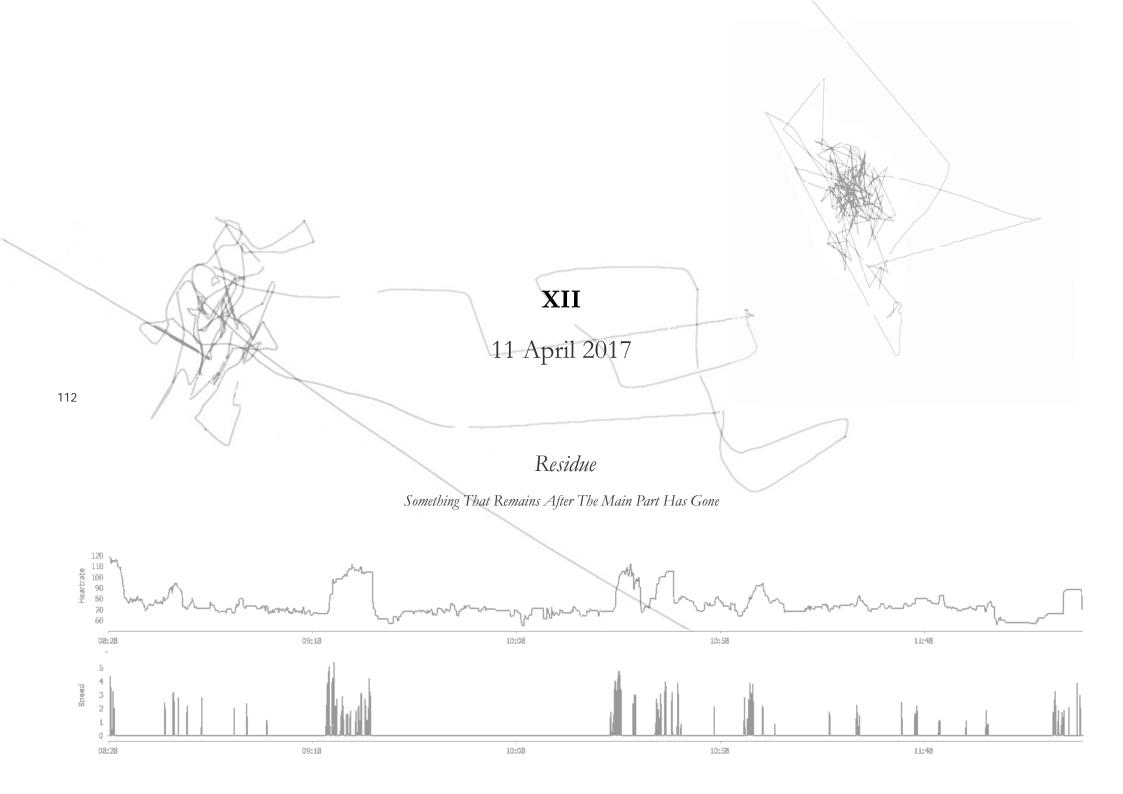




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animed home feeling saturated, as if I was at the limit of what I could also to - not





which is open again...I'm noticing all the trees are commented ing again...it's three months. ing again...it's three months...12 weeks...so this is my mineral to a don't quite know what it the end of something a death
a death
something happened in that room and it scoming to an end
post mortem?
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light it a post-mortem almost...which I suppose its is what it will be I feel in a different world:

anticipation of something about to happen vorid

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sadness 'I saw you last week no-one seemed to know what you are doing' loitering with intent? life goes on as if I have never been there occupied the space view is obscured slightly different position have I already left? 114 as if watching a film I am also in part of a drama? impulse to move the chair create more distance between time passes

the absence of those who were present a moment ago

the incidental marks that are seemingly of no significance $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left$

but, none-the-less, are there

who determines when the life of a sick body should be ended



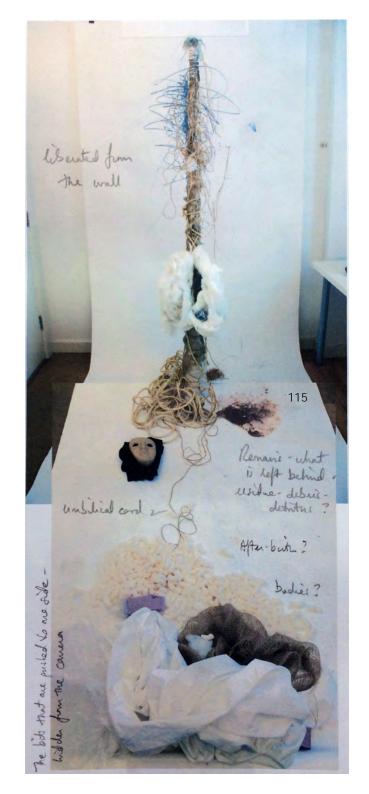












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I am exhausted.

A part of me wants to put it behind me, forget, go to sleep, but the work is not yet finished

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Notes:

- 1. Rag'n'Bone Man, 'Human', Sony Music and Columbia Records, 2016, Digital Download, 21 July 2016.
- 2. The model is described more fully in Hinshelwood, R. D., and Wilhelm Skogstad, *Observing Organisations: Anxiety, Defence and Culture in Health Care*, London: Routledge, 2000.